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SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF NIH RESEARCH PROJECT TITLED "MECHANISMS FOR SPECIFICATION OF HSP40 FUNCTION" (SITE OF DR. RAMOS)

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¶1. On March 9, 2006, Embassy received from the Brazilian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Division of Science and Technology, (DCTEC/MFA) an official notification (number 016, dated March 9, 2006) approving the research project proposal entitled "Mechanisms for Specification of HSP40 Function," (number TW007437-01), under the direction of Dr. Carlos Ramos of the Brazilian Synchrotron Laboratory (LNLS), Sao Paulo, Brazil. Informal translation of the approval notice follows:

Begin text:

"Dear Counselor,

I would like to inform you that after consultations with the appropriate federal entities, the project titled "Mechanisms for Specification of HSP40 Function," to be developed by Dr. Carlos Henrique Inacio Ramos of the Brazilian Synchrotron Laboratory (LNLS), Universidade Federal de Campinas, Sao Paulo, Brazil, and financially supported by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), was approved by the Brazilian Government.

2) The Ministry of Science and Technology emphasized that for the collection and transfer of data and/or biological material abroad, Brazilian researchers must request authorization from the National Council for Scientific and Technological Development (CNPq), in accordance with the legislation in force.

Sincerely yours,
Everton Frask Lucero
Interim head of the Science and Technology Division"

¶2. The Embassy sees no adverse foreign policy implications with respect to this research project. We reiterate the importance of complying with Brazilian law on the export of data and biological material and medical research involving human beings.

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